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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Transit Traffic Tariff
Docket No. 2005-50**

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COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") to withdraw the SCTC's request for emergency relief in the above-referenced matter. The request for emergency relief was filed on February 9, 2005. The SCTC and BellSouth have agreed to an interim resolution that will avoid the need for the Commission to act on the SCTC's emergency request for suspension of BellSouth's Transit Traffic Tariff. We and BellSouth have discussed this interim resolution with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), and ORS concurs that it is an appropriate way to handle this matter. The SCTC's Petition to Intervene in BellSouth's tariff is not being withdrawn. However, the parties have agreed to the following:

- Effective February 16, 2005, BellSouth will treat the tariff as though it became effective on that date and, each month during the regular settlements cycle, BellSouth will produce spreadsheets that detail the amounts that would ordinarily be invoiced under the tariff and send those spreadsheets to the individual SCTC companies.
- The SCTC companies will accept the spreadsheets for informational purposes, and will not be responsible for the charges set forth therein, except as they may be confirmed or modified upon final resolution of the matter, as set forth below.
- The parties will negotiate and will attempt to reach a final resolution of this matter not later than April 1, 2005.

February 15, 2005

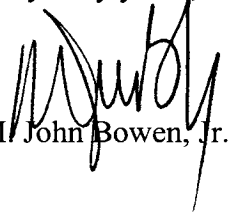
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- If the parties are unable to reach final resolution by April 1, 2005, the parties will submit the matter to the Commission for determination. Subject to the Commission's approval, the parties have agreed to proceed based on the following schedule: SCTC's testimony will be due on April 15, with the remaining testimony due pursuant to the Commission's ordinary pre-filing schedule (i.e., BellSouth will file testimony on April 29, 2005, rebuttal will be due on May 6, 2005, and surrebuttal will be due on May 10, 2005). The parties respectfully request that the Commission reserve a hearing date on or shortly after May 13, 2005 in the event a hearing is needed to resolve this matter.
- At such time as a final resolution of the matter is reached, whether by agreement of the parties or by Order of the Commission, that resolution will apply retroactively to February 16, 2005, for purposes of assessing and collecting any appropriate transit traffic charges that may apply.
- The parties reserve all rights to make any arguments they deem appropriate in the context of this proceeding.

Please clock in a copy of this letter and return it with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Mr. John Bowen, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Florence P. Belser, Esquire
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